

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS

News of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the State and Arranged For Easy Readers

Five Life Prisoners Pardoned.
Columbia, Special.—Samuel Smalls, George Simmons and Thomas Rivers, of Charleston, sentenced to life imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for assault, were Monday afternoon pardoned by Governor Ansel upon recommendation of the State board of pardons.

W. R. Cade, of Williamsburg, sentenced to life imprisonment in 1896 for murder, being recommended to the mercy of the court, was pardoned upon the recommendation of the board of pardons.

John Martin, of Beaufort, in 1905, was sentenced for life upon conviction of murder, and it is stated now that the testimony against the prisoner was altogether circumstantial. He was pardoned.

Herbert Boyles, of Bamberg, was paroled, a pardon having been asked for in his case. He was found guilty of house-breaking and larceny in 1908, and was sentenced to five years. In this case there was some evidence tending to prove an alibi. Under the parole now granted Boyles may go free if he gets into no further trouble. In that event he would have to serve out his sentence.

May Move Office to Rock Hill.

Rock Hill, Special.—There is more than a chance that Rock Hill may, in the near future become the headquarters of the Southern Power Company, now located in Charlotte. It is stated on good authority that the big corporation is dissatisfied with the new amendment to the charter of the City of Charlotte which imposes a 10 per cent tax on the gross receipts of corporations doing business there, and while nothing definite has been done, it is believed that the company will move its offices within a short time. Acting on this belief the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to go to Charlotte and consult with Mr. Lee the vice president, and endeavor to induce them to come here. Among the inducements to be offered is the fact that a syndicate stands ready to erect a \$40,000 office building under plans looking specially to the company's convenience and subject to its approval.

Object to Odor of Liquor.

Spartanburg, Special.—At the meeting of the Great Council of Red Men of South Carolina, which was held here, a motion was made by S. S. Tiner, delegate from Paeolet, that all members who appeared at the door of the convention hall with the smell of whiskey on their breath be refused admission. The motion caused a lively debate but was voted down. The Red Men, as an order, is strictly temperate, no wine or intoxicants ever being served at their annual banquets, but to prevent a member from attending the Great Council because he had taken a social glass was voted down. Mr. Tiner was formerly president of law and order league at Paeolet.

Couple Die on Same Day.

Laurens, Special.—News was received in Laurens Wednesday morning of the death Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Brown Whitmore at their home at Young's crossroads, about three miles southeast of Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore were both ill with pneumonia, and early Tuesday afternoon Mr. Whitmore passed away. Just a few hours later Mrs. Whitmore died. Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore were about 50 years of age. The burial services of the couple were held at Harriecane church.

Collins Sent Up For Life.

Spartanburg, Special.—John Collins, white, was convicted in the court of General Sessions Wednesday on the charge of murder, the jury returning the verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy. He will be sentenced to life imprisonment. J. W. Mansfield, counsel for the defendant, gave notice of a motion for new trial.

News at Columbia.

Columbia, Special.—News was brought to the city Saturday morning of what appears to be a deliberately planned wreck of the Seaboard's through southbound passenger train. No. 43, near Denmark at an early hour resulting in the injury of several persons and the derailment of the entire train, except the Pullman car. All the injured who needed attention were brought to this city, and at 11:30 o'clock the Seaboard's regular, No. 81, was derailed on the Southern's tracks to Denmark, carrying a party to examine the scene of the wreck.

Boy's Head Split Open.

Florence, Special.—Oscar Pitts, the little 6-year-old son of Mr. Pitts, of Palmetto, whose head was split open by the saw at a saw mill, near Palmetto, while playing in the saw pit on Friday, and who was brought to the infirmary here for treatment, died Saturday evening. The little fellow was unconscious all the while, as the saw cut through the skull into the brain.

Notorious Negro Captured.

St. Matthews, Special.—Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, Sheriff Dantzer and Deputies Fred Hungerpeler and John J. Wolfe came in from Sandy Run with Isaac Robinson, a negro of a rather notorious reputation in "those parts." The sheriff and deputies, armed with a warrant, charging him with assault and battery with intent to kill upon one Capers Williams, colored, went in search of Robinson and located him. Robinson escaped through the window and made a bee line for an adjoining swamp. Several shots were fired before he was brought down. He had a buck-shot wound in his right side, and a bullet, which has not yet been located, penetrated the hip. He is detained in the local "calaboose" until able to attend a preliminary hearing, when he will be bound over to court, which convenes in May.

Newberry Lady Badly Burned.

Newberry, Special.—Mrs. Mamie Richardson, wife of Mr. Henry Richardson, met with what may prove to be a serious misfortune last Saturday evening. Mrs. Richardson was in the dining room baking and making preparations for Sunday, when her dress caught fire from the stove. She ran to the door and called her husband, who fortunately was not far away. Mr. Richardson ran to his wife at once and made an effort to tear her clothing off, burning one of his hands quite badly. However, the fire had made too great headway, and he then ran and got a bucket of water, but by this time the clothing of his wife was in a blaze. He dashed the water over her and managed to put out the flames, but not until Mrs. Richardson was most painfully burned from the waist down and the hair on the back part of her head singed.

Serious Fire at Florence.

Florence, Special.—Spontaneous combustion was the origin of a fire that broke out in the oil storage and paint department of the Atlantic Coast Line shops here on Monday night, destroying the oil and paint room and several box cars that were standing nearby. For a time it looked as if the large number of cars that stood on the side tracks to the rear of the big machine shops of the Coast Line were in imminent danger. They would have been destroyed but for the hard work of the shop fire department assisted by the local department and the removal of the cars by a switch engine. The damage was considerable but it is covered by insurance as it is all railroad property. The men working on the yards lost all of their tools that were stored in one of the "dead cars," which was destroyed.

Negro Shoots Two White Men.

Hampton, Special.—Mr. W. B. Causey, clerk of Court for this county, and Mr. Jesse Sheppard, a white man living near Hampton, were shot here Saturday night by a negro man known as "Peg Leg" Hughes. The particulars of the shooting are not obtainable. Mr. Causey was shot through the body and has been taken to a hospital in Augusta to be treated. Mr. Sheppard received a bullet in his right arm, which was removed Sunday. Hughes was arrested Sunday morning by Mr. D. H. Reid and was turned over to Sheriff Lightsey and Deputy Sheriff Anderson, who carried the negro to Columbia for safekeeping. Hughes has served time in the Penitentiary before.

Farm Work Well Under Way.

Gaffney, Special.—Farm work in this county is probably farther advanced now than it has been at this season for several years. The farmers who were in town Wednesday say that the fruit crop will be about one-third if we have no more severe weather. Good rains all over the county were a great help to early vegetation.

Special Election Ordered.

Florence, Special.—The city council of Florence has at last ordered the election on the question of sewerage and extension of the water system. The election is to be held on the first Thursday in May, the same day and time that the election for municipal officers will take place. A separate box will be placed at the polls, and the property holders of the city will be given the opportunity of voting for or against the issue of \$80,000 of bonds for the purpose above noted. Sixty-five thousand is for sewerage, and \$15,000 for extension of water mains, etc.

Seventh Smallpox Victim.

Yorkville, Special.—Peter McFadden, colored, the seventh smallpox victim, out of 12 developed cases, since the disease made its appearance at the York Cotton Mill several weeks ago, died at his home in the outskirts of town Friday afternoon. McFadden was, previously to being stricken, employed as fireman at the cotton mill and is supposed to have contracted the disease from Kirby Pugh.

TWO AMERICANS SLAIN

Confirmation Received of the Killing of American Missionaries at Adana—Others Connected With the Mission Are Safe

Constantinople, By Cable.—Confirmation has been received here of the killing of two American missionaries at Adana. The murdered missionaries were Mr. Rogers and Mr. Maurer. The others connected with the missions are safe, including Mr. Christie, who is at Tarsus.

Three French warships are hurrying to Mersina, where the situation is desperate. Foreigners and many Christians have taken refuge in the consulates. The local troops and the Governor are doing their best to protect the town, but there is great fear that it cannot hold out much longer against the invasion of the Moslems, who are sweeping down in large numbers. The American vice consul at Mersina, John Debes, has been unable to proceed to Adana, owing to interruption of communication. A British warship is proceeding to Alexandria, which is threatened by the Moslems.

The Chamber sent a deputation to the barracks to explain to the soldiers the evil results of disobedience. The Deputies for Aleppo and Adana demanded immediate measures to restore order in the Adana district and to punish the ringleaders of the massacre. A motion to this effect was adopted unanimously. According to the latest news from Adana, the missionaries do not dare to leave the mission house. They are suffering from lack of provisions and medicines, and have sent an appeal to the military authorities for protection. Adana is still burning and it is reported that not less than three thousand people are homeless at Tarsus.

Late telegrams received from the British vice consul at Adana state that there are apprehensions of further trouble at that place.

SERIOUS FIRE IN CHARLOTTE.

Black's Livery Stable in Ashes—Six Horses Burned—Loss \$25,000.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—A fire which dared the utmost efforts of the city's fire fighters, a blaze which threatened to wipe out of existence a half-dozen or more surrounding dwellings, a conflagration that brought thousands to view the conflict, was that which razed to the ground the long, two and three-story brick structure which it early claimed as its own. Result, six horses dead, the building and contents, including vehicles, harvesting and farming machinery entirely destroyed, with an approximate total loss of \$25,000; with damage done to the stables of Mr. R. C. McManus nearby to the extent of about \$1,200 and a similar amount of loss charged up to Mr. A. W. Whitaker's stables, which adjoined on the west. All the injury done to the two latter establishments was wrought by the collapsing of heavy brick walls which carried with them part of the roofing beneath.

Cuba to Have an Army.

Havana, By Cable.—Extraordinary progress is being made in the organization of the Cuban regular army. When fully recruited, it will number about 5,000 infantry and artillery. That the President considers this as indispensable to the maintenance of the government is shown by his reference to it as "a powerful instrument for the preservation of peace" in his recent message to Congress. Privately the President is reported to have said that he will not really begin to rule until the army is fully ready for service. Already more than three-fourths of the force has been enlisted and the work of training is going on rapidly.

Highwayman Captured.

San Francisco, Special.—James M. Thompson, vice president of the Thompson Bridge Company, on entering his office Saturday with a sack containing \$3,200 was confronted by two masked men, one of whom shot him through the chest, inflicting a serious wound. The men escaped with the money, but were captured. During the shooting William Roseburg received a stray bullet but was not seriously hurt.

The King of All Crooks.

Marion, N. C., Special.—Of all the systems of craft an ingenious age has produced, a negro preacher of this place has invented the one unique. He has been holding a revival for the past month and there have been, it is said, 110 conversions. When a nigger is converted he issues a certificate like this: "This is to certify that Sister Jane Jones has this day been born into the kingdom of God," etc., and charges the poor, deluded fool the sum of 50 cents for her passport into Glory.

Wheat Flurry Subsided.

Chicago, Special.—After a memorable speculative week the ticker's "good night" was received at noon Saturday with a deep sigh of relief from board of trade men, not to mention an army of laymen drawn into the vortex of the wheat pit by the publicity given James A. Patten, the leader, and his following. Mr. Patten personally, left the market to its fate, from the view which the Patten crowd improved considerably.

GEN. BUTLER IS DEAD

Former South Carolina Senator—Passes Away.

WAS A CONFEDERATE OFFICER

Cavalry—Was Former United States Senator From South Carolina—Served in Spanish-American War.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—Gen. Matthew Calbraith Butler, of Edgefield, one of the last of the Confederate cavalry generals, died Wednesday night at 11:40 at a local infirmary. For several weeks General Butler had been ill and had been gradually growing weaker and for several days it had been known that the end was near. General Butler's death was due to a complication of diseases, induced by an old wound.

In 1876 General Butler was elected to the United States Senate and served three terms. During the Spanish-American war he was a major general in the United States army. After the war he was appointed a member of the Cuban peace commission. He is survived by his widow and three children, Capt. M. C. Butler, Jr., U. S. A.; Dr. F. W. P. Butler, of this city, and Mrs. McNeely, wife of a naval officer.

On his 75th birthday General Butler received supreme unction from the Catholic Church. He died within 50 yards of the convention hall in which the secession convention met. General Butler was a nephew of Commodore Perry, of the United States navy, and but for fate might have been a distinguished officer of the United States army instead of a Confederate leader.

Gen. Butler was a son of Dr. William Butler and descended from a splendid ancestry.

In childhood he accompanied his father to Arkansas, but after the latter's death returned to South Carolina in 1851, and made his home with Senator A. P. Butler, near Edgefield. He was educated at the South Carolina College and then reading law was admitted to practice in 1857. In the following year he was married to Maria, daughter of Governor F. W. Pickens. He was elected to the Legislature in 1860, but before the conclusion of his term, entered the military service of his State as captain of a company of cavalry in Hampton's Legion. This command took a distinguished part in the first battle of Manassas, and Captain Butler was promoted major to date from July 21st, the beginning of his famous career in the cavalry of the Army of Northern Virginia. He commanded the cavalry of the legion under Stuart in the withdrawal of the troops from Yorktown, and was warmly commended for gallantry at Williamsburg. In August, 1862, he was promoted to colonel of the Second Regiment, South Carolina Cavalry, Hampton's Brigade, and in this rank he participated in the Second Manassas and Maryland campaign, winning favorable mention for gallant leadership in the affair at Monocacy Bridge and Stuart's Chambersburg raid. He commanded the main part of his brigade in the Dumfries expedition of December, 1862, and in June, 1863, he was one of the most conspicuous leaders in the famous cavalry battle of Brandy station. Here he was severely wounded by a shell, losing his right foot, and promotion to brigadier general followed in September. Returning to service before his wound healed, he was sent home to recover. He succeeded General Hampton in brigade command, and took part in the fall campaigns of the army in 1863, and throughout the famous struggle of 1864, at the Wilderness, Spottsylvania and before Richmond in opposition to Sheridan, he was one of the heroic figures of this last great campaign of the Confederate armies. The reports of Sheridan and himself attest the splendid fight of Butler and his brigade at Hawes's shop, and Cold Harbor. At Trevelin station he was in command of Hampton's division, and repulsed seven distinct and determined assaults by the largely superior forces under Sheridan, his command occupying a most important part of a Confederate line and fighting as infantry. In September he was promoted major general, and in the spring of 1865 he was detached with a small division for the campaign against Sherman in the Carolinas. He commanded the rear guard of Hardee's army at the evacuation of Columbia and Cheraw, and at the last had division command of cavalry, his forces and Gen. Joe Wheeler's forming the command of Lieutenant General Wade Hampton. The close of the war left him in financial ruin, but he bravely met the exigencies of the occasion, and in a short time attained national repute for the firmness and boldness with which he handled the political questions which concerned the essentials of the reorganized social life. While he powerfully advocated obedience to the reconstruction measures as the law, law being preferable to chaos, he receded at no time from a persistent opposition to infringements on good government, and was largely instrumental in securing the election of Governor Wade Hampton. In 1876 he was elected to the United States Senate, where admission was met by a storm of partisan protest,

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

KENILWORTH INN BURNS

Mr. Gazzam, the Owner, Barely Escapes With Life and May Die—Hotel Cost \$310,000—\$74,000 Insurance.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—Kenilworth Inn, the magnificent property of Mr. J. M. Gazzam, which caught fire Wednesday morning shortly before 2 o'clock, was burned to the ground. The hotel, located nearly two miles from town, was inaccessible to fire protection and the firemen, while responding promptly, were of service only in the use of ladders.

Senator Gazzam, who barely escaped with his life by jumping from a third story window, is believed to be fatally injured. He has a broken ankle, an injured spine and a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain.

One of the most narrow escapes was that of Tom Foster, a negro servant employee, who roomed over the dining room quarters. Foster was not awakened until his bed falling partially through the burned floor tilted him out. He jumped from the window to a roof and then fell to the fire escape. He was injured, but will recover. Fire Chief Bernard, who was cut off by flames while attempting to arouse Mr. Gazzam, and who was scorched in fighting his way out, is all right. Mr. Bernard also suffered a sprained ankle.

The guests of the inn were cared for after leaving the hotel by the other hotels and boarding houses of the town while many found welcome in private homes.

The inn was a mass of ruins in three hours after the fire was discovered. It burned faster, the firemen say, than any fire that Asheville has had in many years. There is nothing standing but two great chimneys to mark the spot of the inn location. The grass and trees for 100 yards away from the inn are scorched and killed.

The inn was built 16 years ago at a cost of \$310,000 and was popular as a resort hotel. A number of conventions, including the Young Women's Christian Association and Young People's Missionary Movement were booked for this season.

The total loss is estimated at \$250,000. It is doubtful if Kenilworth Inn will be rebuilt.

Mr. Gazzam carried but \$74,000 insurance on the property and his loss was heavy as was also Mrs. Martin's, who lost all house furnishings.

BIG FIRE IN ROCHESTER.

Damages Estimated at \$500,000 May or Calls For Help For Destitute.

Rochester, N. Y., Special.—Swept along in the face of a 25-mile gale, fire Tuesday destroyed several sections of the city and did damage estimated at half a million dollars.

Mayor Edgerton issued a call for relief funds for these families. Some of them were quartered in precinct houses and a large number spent the night in a public school.

A heavy rain set in a 6 o'clock Tuesday night and while it helped in extinguishing the smoldering ruins, it was a hardship on the homeless, especially those whose household effects were in the open.

Although accurate estimates cannot be made at this time, the loss is estimated at least \$500,000. This includes \$60,000 on the Palmer Building; \$100,000 on the Hunting Company, manufacturers of plumbers' supplies; \$90,000 on the beautiful Jewish temple, Berth Kodesh, and the rest in small amounts, is apportioned among the manufacturers, house owners and tenants.

One Life Lost in Storm.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—One dead and a number injured are the results of Tuesday's wind storm in this city. The wind blew down the north wall of the Jeanette Opera House, recently damaged by fire. It fell on the residence of Dr. A. A. Custard, adjoining, crashing through the roof and instantly killing Mildred Felton, 16 years of age, who was visiting the Custard.

Liquors Will Be Returned.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—In the inferior criminal court Tuesday before Judge Alford, attorneys for defendants in the prohibition cases argued a motion to quash the affidavits and search warrants on the ground of insufficiency. Tuesday Judge Alford handed down his decision, sustaining the motion and ordering that all liquors, held under previous orders of the court, be returned to the parties in whose possession they were found at the time of the seizure.

The annex to the Chesterfield Hotel and James's shoe store in Petersburg collapsed Wednesday.

Harman J. Lushbaugh, 86 years old, committed suicide in Staunton, Va., Wednesday.

Boston Stainaker, an old miser, who died in a cheap lodging house in Parkersburg, W. Va., last week, was worth \$100,000.

The beautiful Kenilworth Inn, near Asheville, N. C., was destroyed by fire and the owner perhaps fatally hurt Wednesday.

One indicted Councilman in Pittsburgh is said to have confessed and many arrests may follow.

Two women, cabin mates, ended their lives in the same way on the eastward trip of the Luania last week. They were buried in the ocean.

James A. Patten, the Chicago broker, who sent up the price of wheat, denies cornering it, saying he only saw the chance and took it.

The Olympia cotton mills, of Columbia, S. C., purchased three car loads of ready mixed paint last Wednesday from a Charleston firm to be used on its property.

The late frost did great damage to fruit in the valley of Virginia and in the Norfolk trucking district.

In the excitement of a fire Armistead Yuille and his wife forgot their baby and it burned to death at Lawyer's, Campbell county, Va., last week.

Six persons lost their lives and four blocks were burned in a fire at Lenox, Massachusetts, Sunday morning.

Eighty persons were immersed in the Mississippi River at St. Louis, on Easter day, joining the colored Baptist church. Forty more intended to join but were deterred by the icy water.

Mrs. Georgia Allyn Sampson, on last Saturday night, at Lyons, N. Y., acquitted of the charge of killing her husband.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, has signed the anti-cigarette bill, which makes it a misdemeanor to manufacture, sell or give away cigarettes or cigarette paper. The bill exempts jobbers who do an interstate business.

Bernard Carlin, aged 22, was electrocuted at Ossining, N. Y., Monday for the murder of his mother.

James Cabaanne, 7 years old, was kidnapped at St. Louis, Mo., Thursday. It is uncertain whether by his relatives or for ransom.

Lynchburg, Va., will issue \$400,000 of bonds for municipal improvements.

Woolgrowers of West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio met at Parkersburg, W. Va., last week, and adopted a protest against the wool schedule in the Payne bill.

Andrew Cloud, of Frederick county, Virginia, was acquitted last week of the murder of his brother-in-law, North Shirley.

Ben, alias "Booker" Barnes, a negro, eighteen years old, was lynched Friday at Hopkinsville, Ky., by 250 farmers for attempting to assault Miss Ruth Gee, seventeen years old, daughter of William Gee, a farmer.

Florence Hightower, ten years old, was killed in his father's yard in Atlanta, Ga., last Thursday by the explosion of a shell that was being kept as a relic of the Battle of Atlanta, fought by the armies of Hood and Sherman.

Washington Notes.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer will order the Mississippi to proceed to Natchez at the proper time to receive the silver service from the people in whose honor the ship was named.

After four hours' discussion the Democratic conference of Senators was able to agree on but one amendment, that for an income tax.

Senator Aldrich holds to the belief that his bill will produce enough revenue to run the Government.

President Taft has selected the Stetson cottage, at Beverly, Mass., as his summer home.

Low rates on necessities and high rates on luxuries will distinguish the Senate Tariff bill, Senator Aldrich says.

President Taft says no Union veterans will lose their Government positions as long as they are able to work.

In receiving the new Cuban Minister Friday President Taft reassured Cuba of America's intention to uphold its independence.

The House passed the Payne Tariff bill Friday night by a vote of 217 to 161. Four Louisiana Democrats voted for the bill.

By an overwhelming majority the House last Friday placed oil on the fire list, with but 40 votes against it.

Ethan A. Hitchcock, former Secretary of the Interior, died in Washington Friday.

The President has given his support to the great interdenominational campaign for foreign missions.